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Nebraska the things that we go through in a committee hearing. That's exactly what this is intended to do. This is all that's intended to do. Therefore, I hope you can find it in your hearts to support Senator Luedtke's motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. President, members of the body, I have a few questions of Senator Luedtke please.

PRESIDENT: Senator Luedtke could you respond to Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes, I'd sure be glad to respond.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: It was just stated here by Senator Barnett that no committee hearings had been televised. Is that correct?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well I don't think that's correct. Committee meetings have been televised because the Judiciary Committee has already been televised. I don't believe live.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Could you tell me what the advantage is of being alive or recorded?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Of course, the advantage of this is probably an answer that could be best made by those people in E.T.V. As I understood the situation they wanted it on in the evening when people were home, when you had more people, more audience to watch what's going on in the Legislature. That's why the Legislature itself . . . the programs are taped every day and put on in the evening. This would be in the evening when people could be there and could respond to what's going on and could ask questions after the hearing, could call in questions. That's part of the format of this type of a program. The Judiciary Committee would then respond by finding out just what public reaction is to this type of legislation.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Senator Luedtke, what's wrong with holding our hearings in the normal fashion which can be televised right here in this chamber? Would you suggest that maybe perhaps we have all our committee hearings in the evening? Would that be better?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: No, I wouldn't say that.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I'd like to ask Senator Barnett a question please too. Senator Barnett, you said that we shouldn't be doing things in secrecy. Would you like to tell me how you got the Exec. Board approval? Was it through an open meeting, or how did that come about?

SENATOR BARNETT: No, the Exec. Board meeting was not through an app . . . it was approval from this floor